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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONTEVIDEO 4140

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, OVIP (TODMAN), UY
SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS SINCE TODMAN VISIT

REF: MONTEVIDEO 4129

1. FULL SUBSTANCE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT MADE BY FLAVIO TAVARES TO PRESS INCLUDED IN IMMEDIATE SEPTEL. SUBSTANCE OF PRESS INTERVIEW, WHICH CONDUCTED PRESENCE OF BRAZILIAN CONSUL, WAS THAT TAVARES DID NOT COMPLAIN ABOUT TREATMENT IN JAIL OR MEDICAL ATTENTION OFFERED. WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING IF THIS IS A PRELUDE, ON BASIS OF TAVARES' WILLINGNESS TO PRESENT POSITIVE PUBLIC IMAGE OF URUGUAYAN PENAL SYSTEM, TO RELEASE AND DEPORTATION IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. MONTEVIDEO 4129 REPRESENTS SUBSTANCE OF INFORMATION PRESENTED TO COUNCIL OF STATE. THE INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL OF STATE BY GENERAL GREGORIO ALVAREZ FIRST IN CONFIDENTIAL SESSION THEN MADE PUBLIC BY HIM. THE PLAN CALLS FOR ELECTIONS WITH ONE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN 1981 AND FULL INSTITUTIONAL NORMALITY IN 1986. STEPS LEADING TO 1981 ELECTION STILL REMAIN OBSCURE ALTHOUGH THEY DO INCLUDE THE FRAMING OF A NEW CONSTITUTION AND SOME POLITICAL ACTIVITY TO BE PERMITTED AFTER 1980.

3. THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT TODMAN VISIT SENSITIZED MANY IN
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THE GOU, IN THE MEDIA AND AMONG GENERAL PUBLIC TO THE NEED TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE NEGATIVE IMAGE URUGUAY SUFFERS ON HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS. WE ARE AWARE OF INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS WITHIN GOU AND OF INTEREST AT THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF LEVEL TO CONTINUE AN OPEN DIALOGUE ON THE SUBJECT WITH US. BUT NOTHING SPECIFIC HAS OCCURRED YET IN TERMS OF POSITIVE ACTION OTHER THAN TAVARES' PRESS INTERVIEW NOTED ABOVE. AS POINTED

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OUT IN REFTEL THE LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE 1981 ELECTIONS
IF ANYTHING REPRESENTS A HALF-STEP BACKWARDS FROM THE MORE GENERAL
ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING ELECTIONS MADE ON AUGUST 9.
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